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GOODBODY LEAVES COMMUNICATION POST

GREENWICH, Conn. -- John C. Goodbody, Executive for Communication at the Episcopal Church Center for the past nine years, has retired and was honored by the national Executive Council at its meeting here June 4-6 by a standing ovation and the assurance of its "deep love, respect, and gratitude."

For almost two years of his term as head of the Episcopal Church's communication office, he was also president of The Seabury Press, an official publishing house of the Episcopal Church. He became president of Seabury in 1961.

In addition to adopting a resolution of appreciation for Mr. Goodbody's services to the Church, Presiding Bishop John M. Allin presented him and his wife, Hattie, with a crystal decanter and a stained glass seal of the Presiding Bishop.

Mr. Goodbody has been responsible for the communication strategy of the Episcopal Church and has worked in close relationship with Church leadership at all levels.

Born in Omaha, Neb., in 1915, he was graduated from the Kent School in Connecticut and from Williams College in 1937 with the B.A. degree.

Following his graduation, United Press International sent him to China as a war correspondent and he worked for the Singapore Free Press. Later, in the United States, he was a reporter for the Cleveland Press and the Toledo News-Bee, and then associate editor of The School Executive, a professional education magazine.

He did graduate study at Harvard in the field of American civilization until Pearl Harbor interrupted his work. During World War II, he served in Naval intelligence and as editor of various intelligence publications. After the war he went to Harvard as a Teaching Fellow in English.

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In 1946 Mr. Goodbody joined the staff of Colonial Williamsburg, Va., serving first as director of publications and later as special assistant to John D. Rockefeller II in a long-range study of future educational objectives of the organization. In 1958 he was named vice president and director of presentation.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodbody have assumed responsibility for one year of a network development program for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

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